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SUBJECT: OAS WRAP-UP

, OAS CHARTER REFORM: AT INFORMAL MEETING OCTOBER 28, OAS AMBASSADORS AGREED OCTOBER 31 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF PERMANENT COUNCIL'S CHARTER REFORM DELIBERATIONS CANNOT BE MET. THEY DECIDED TO TRY FOR A MID-NOVEMBER COMPLETION DATE WITHOUT SEEKING FORMAL POSTPONEMENT FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SINCE DATE OF NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL PASS ON NEW CHARTER IS ALSO BEING POSTPONED (SEE BELOW). AT THE SAME TIME AMBASSADORS AGREED PACT OF BOGOTA CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS PROPOSAL MADE BY ECUADOR'S GALO LEORO, WHO RECOGNIZED CONCURRENT OCTOBER 31 DEADLINE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET AND SUGGESTED MEMBER STATES BE POLLED BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE IF "POLITICAL WILL" EXISTS TO AMEND PACT AT ALL. REGARDING OAS CHARTER REVISIONS APPROVED SO FAR, AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD REFERRED TO US RESERVATIONS ON SPECIFIC CHARTER CHANGES

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OPPOSITION. HE SAID THE USG WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER NEW CHARTER IN ITS ENTIRETY AND DECIDE ONLY WHEN TEXT COMPLETED WHETHER IT IS ACCEPTABLE. THIS IS MOST SPECIFIC WARNING WE HAVE PROVIDED THAT US MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT NEW OAS CHARTER.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: PERU'S AMBASSADOR ALVARADO, SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS, PROPOSED TO SAME INFORMAL MEETING THAT OASGA BE POSTPONED FROM USUAL APRIL SCHEDULE UNTIL JUNE 10 "BECAUSE SECRETARY GENERAL UNABLE TO SUBMIT PROGRAM-BUDGET UNTIL JANUARY". UNSTATED REASON IS TO ALLOW PERMANENT COUNCIL MORE TIME TO DEAL WITH CHILE'S INVITATION TO HOLD OASGA IN SANTIAGO. MOST AMBASSADORS PRESENT, CHILE'S TRUCCO AMONG THEM, REFERRED TO LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS BUT INDICATED THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO POSTPONEMENT. SOME LA/CARIBBEAN DELEGATIONS ARE HOPING GOC WILL GET MESSAGE AND WITHDRAW OFFER OR THAT COMPETING INVITATIONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS MAY BE STIMULATED.

3. TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES: OAS SUBCOMMITTEE MET OCTOBER 28 TO CONSIDER PROCEDURES FOR DISCUSSION OF TRANS-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND AGREED TO HOLD FIRST WORKING SESSION NOVEMBER 24-25. BASIC WORKING DOCUMENT WILL BE LATIN AMERICAN PRESENTATION TO THIRD MEETING OF WORK GROUP SET UP BY OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS. U.S. RESPONSE WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED AS A WORKING DOCUMENT. GOVERNMENTS WILL BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS ON THESE DOCUMENTS AND ON PERMANENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 17. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MADE A GENERAL POSITION STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM. INGERSOLL

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